

lished myself in housekeeping I found it expedient for peace sake to let every blessed soul of my large family worship when, and where, and how he pleased. Bacchus is the favorite god of some, while others bow at the shrine of Venus, but *entre nous*, I believe that the greater part of my people worship the almighty dollar.

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Words of Love.

BY MARGARET TONEY.

"Come to me you who labor and are sorely oppressed
With the burden of life and its care;
Come and receive both refreshment and rest
In the Banquet My Love doth prepare,
Hasten to me with your sorrow and sin;
Why stay by the wayside so long?
Temptations assail you, without and within,
Come and eat of the Bread of the strong."

Yes, Lord! I come to Thee, weak, sad and weary,
The sweetness of life from me oft doth depart,
When all that is earthly seems empty and dreary;
For solace I turn to Thy dear Sacred Heart.
Never-failing, the fountain of love most divine
Thy adorable heart doth contain;
I beseech Thee, dear Lord, to infuse into mine
A share of Thy heavenly flame.

As I kneel in Thy presence, Thy love contemplating,
By aid of that light which Thy grace doth impart,
Each act of Thine, Lord, I can see emanating
Like sparks from the furnace of Thy sacred heart.
O Heart the most generous, loving and tender,
Whose delight is to be with the children of men,
This day my whole being to Thee I surrender,
And promise to never forget Thee again.

Seminary of Foreign Missions.

The Seminary of Foreign Missions at Paris is one of the most deserving works of Catholic benevolence. It is a feeder for several of the most remote and dangerous missions of the Church. Its prosperity is therefore a matter for congratulation.

From the *Missions Catholiques* we learn that in 1892 the seminary had control of 27 mission fields, with a population of 236,000,000 of heathen. The Catholics of these missions number about 1,000,000 and are under the juris-

diction of 28 bishops. The seminary counts 900 European and 500 native priests on its missionary list. At Paris there are actually some 260 students for the laborious work of the Oriental missions. In the East there are 35 seminaries subject to the mother seminary at Paris, beside 2,320 schools and colleges, with nearly 68,000 pupils. The churches and chapels number 3,575. During the last year there were 37,195 adult and 181,757 infant baptisms. The seminary directs 15 printing houses for the needs of the various missions.

Since 1822 this meritorious society has increased yearly its missions, priests, students and general resources, until it stands to-day among the most experienced and useful lieutenants of the Church in her holy warfare against idolatry and superstition.

It Is Necessary That Scandal Come!

Apostates and traitors to the standard of the Cross, to which they once swore fealty, fulfill by their apostasy and treason this prophecy of the Savior: "These men will turn up in the life of My Church, as did the Iscariot among the twelve in My mortal life. As Judas betrayed Me and sold his apostleship they will betray My Church and sell their Holy Ministry. As Judas, by surrendering his faith, became a scandal of unbelief to his fellow apostles and to the first disciples, and a scandal of desertion, the like scandals will arise in My Church."

Christ prophesies, by these words of warning "it is necessary that scandal come;" that is, scandals cannot but occur, considering the temptations of the world, the snares of the devil, and fallen nature prone to evil. The apostasy and desertion of a Judas proves nothing against the divinity of his Lord. The occasional but rare fall, apostasy and desertion of a priest or religious, should not weaken our faith,